

Amendments to the Claims

1-35. (Canceled)

1. ~~36~~. (Currently amended) A method of using body tissue, said method comprising the steps of removing fetal tissue from a donor through a percutaneous incision by cutting fetal tissue to separate portions of the fetal tissue from other portions of the donor and moving the separated portions of fetal tissue along a passage under the influence of suction, and implanting the separated portions of fetal tissue in a patient.

37. (Canceled)

2. ~~38~~. (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~36~~ wherein rotating motion is used to cut the fetal tissue.

3. ~~39~~. (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~36~~ wherein reciprocating motion is used to cut the fetal tissue.

4. ~~40~~. (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~36~~ further comprising the step of irrigating the fetal tissue.

5. ~~41~~. (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~40~~ wherein the irrigation and suction alternate.

6. ~~42~~. (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~40~~ wherein the irrigation and suction occur substantially simultaneously.

7. ~~43~~. (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~36~~ wherein the passage includes a filter.

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6. 44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 further including the step of centrifuging the separated portions of the fetal tissue.

18/ 45. (Previously presented) A method of using body tissue, said method comprising the steps of removing fetal tissue from a donor by cutting fetal tissue to separate portions of the fetal tissue from other portions of the donor and moving the separated portions of fetal tissue along a passage under the influence of suction, and implanting the separated portions of fetal tissue in a patient, wherein prior to implantation the separated portions of fetal tissue are combined with a material selected from the group consisting of tissue grafts, collagen, antibiotics, and bone growth promoting substances.

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19. 46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 45 wherein the bone growth promoting substances are hydroxyapatite or tricalcium phosphate.

9 47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein an adhesive element is added to the separated portions of fetal tissue.

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10. 48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 47 wherein the adhesive element is blood or fibrin.

20. 49. (Previously presented) A method of using body tissue, said method comprising the steps of removing fetal tissue from a donor by cutting fetal tissue to separate portions of the fetal tissue from other portions of the donor and moving the separated portions of fetal tissue along a passage under the influence of suction, adding the separated portions of fetal tissue to a biodegradable material, and implanting the separated portions of fetal tissue in a patient.

1. 50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of adding the separated portions of fetal tissue to a polymer.

12/51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of sealing the separated portions of fetal tissue in the patient.

13/52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein at least one of the steps of cutting and implanting is performed under x-ray guidance.

14/53. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein at least one of the steps of cutting and implanting is performed through a cannula.

15/54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein at least one of the steps of cutting and implanting is performed under endoscopic, arthroscopic, or fiber optic guidance.

16/55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein the separated portions of fetal tissue are formed into an implant prior to implantation.

17/56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36 wherein the donor is the patient.